



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW

## 2017 HOODING CEREMONY

Friday, May Twelfth  
Two Thousand and Seventeen  
Two O'Clock in the Afternoon

Mershon Auditorium  
1871 N. High Street  
Columbus, OH

# TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2017

**O**n August 25, 2014, you became part of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law community. Since you joined us that day three years ago, you have been an extraordinary group—raising us up as you evolved from students to professionals. A lot has happened here in those three years.

The William B. Saxbe Law Auditorium has been filled with discussions on everything from the future of data privacy, to racially charged tensions in communities around the country, to human trafficking, to the law of drones, to remembering the historic 50th anniversaries of the Voting Rights and Civil Rights Acts. You sat at the table with business leaders, politicians, managing partners, and general counsel at events organized by the Program on Law and Leadership; Law, Finance and Governance; and Mentoring & More. Countless attorneys and leaders in every imaginable field, including a Supreme Court justice and several United States senators and representatives, have come to your classrooms, student group meetings, symposia, and more to pass on their knowledge and insight for the future, which you carry with you, along with the professional degree you have earned.

Our curriculum evolves with the changes in the legal profession, and you were able to experience new Transactional Lawyering, The Lawyer in the Community, Computer Crime and Surveillance, and Marijuana Law and Policy courses, among others, as well as expansive externship opportunities. Some of you spent the summer at the University of Oxford in England or participated in our Washington, D.C., Summer Program, and others set their sights on gaining experience and making a difference right here in Ohio. Most impressively, the Class of 2017 performed more than 10,000 hours of pro bono work in local, state, and federal agencies and for nonprofit groups across the country.

At Moritz, we shared such annual events as the Student Bar Association Thanksgiving Dinner, the Black Law Students Association Soul Food Luncheon, the Public Interest Law Foundation Auction, and the Race Judicata. The Class of 2017 was able to experience a newly renovated Career Services Suite and the new Public Service Law Center. You each took approximately 20 law school final exams, spent almost 1,100 hours in class, and a countless number in the library studying.

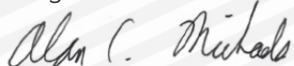
Today, your journey changes course. We, your professors, along with your family and friends, are extremely proud of you. We look forward to seeing what you will do with your extraordinary lives and careers.

You are among the most educated and best prepared individuals to make a difference—in your communities, in the country, and in the world.

You are in the first stages of professional careers that will be long and challenging. You will score victories and implement change; you also will come to know setbacks and disappointments. And, there will be as many career paths as there are members of this class. Whatever life brings your way, remember that you have the skills and training to make an impact, and your alma mater will be providing support and cheering you on.

At Moritz, we will continue in our mission and will be waiting to hear from you. I hope you become one of the many alumni who remain connected to the College by returning to Drinko Hall to work with our students as mentors, serving as moot court judges, speaking on panels, donating to the Annual Fund to benefit others as you have been helped, recruiting students for your employers, and attending reunions to maintain that special Moritz connection.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!



Alan C. Michaels

Dean and Edwin M. Cooperman Chair in Law

# HOODING CEREMONY TRADITIONS

## ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Academic attire was prescribed as early as 1321 in Portugal, and by the mid-14th century, certain English colleges forbade “excess in apparel.” Some authorities say academic garb was influenced heavily by the fact that monks or clerics made up the great majority of the scholarly community. Thus hoods came about, it is said, to cover the shaved head. Others suggest that academic attire merely reflects certain facts of life in former times. The unheated rooms of medieval buildings, for example, made long gowns a practical necessity.

Ultimately, distinctive caps, gowns, and hoods developed for the institution, the field of learning, and for the level of academic achievement. American colleges and universities first established a code of academic dress at the end of the 19th century. Bachelors’ gowns have pointed sleeves and are worn closed. The gown for the doctor’s degree has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed. Black is the usual color for the gown, although some colleges allow those receiving a Ph.D. to wear gowns of the color of the institution.

## THE HOOD

Trimmings in black velvet or in the distinctive color of the discipline are on the gown and the hood. The lining color of the academic hood identifies the university that granted the highest degree held by the wearer. Scarlet and gray symbolize The Ohio State University. The color of the trim signifies the field of learning in which the degree was received. The color of the legal profession is purple.

Today, the investment of the Juris Doctor and LL.M. hood and the presentation of the diploma case, soon to be filled with the official diploma, acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and academic achievement of the graduates of the Class of 2017. The investment of the hood also carries with it a continuing commitment to the values and responsibilities represented by the Juris Doctor degree. This ceremony marks the passage from the status of student to that of practitioner in the learned profession of the law.

## WITH APPRECIATION

The Class of 2017 wishes to express a special thank-you to parents, families, and friends for the support they have provided over the past three years. The class thanks faculty for faithfully guiding them through the tunnel to see the light of this day, the staff of the College for their service, and alumni for their ongoing support of the College. Members of the Class of 2017 hope to give back in full measure what has been given to them.

# THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

## MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW

In the fall of 1890, The Ohio State University won its first football game over Ohio Wesleyan 20-14. That same year, another team of students organized a different “game plan” to persuade the University’s Board of Trustees to provide formal instruction in law.

By the following spring, the young advocates scored a victory, and a resolution was passed for the establishment of a law department to be supported solely from student tuition, set at \$60 per year.

Classes began Oct. 1, 1891, in the Franklin County Courthouse with 33 students, including one woman. Instruction was provided by prominent lawyers under the administration of Ohio Supreme Court Justice Marshall J. Williams, who served as the first dean.

Financial problems beset the new law department, though. In 1892, Rutherford B. Hayes, chairman of the University’s Board of Trustees and former president of the United States, made a \$300 personal gift and encouraged support from others. University funding of \$1,500 was made available early in 1893; a full-time dean was appointed; and by 1894, classes were moved to the main campus. The Law Department was elevated to the status of a College of Law in 1896 and five years later became a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools.

Led today by Dean Alan C. Michaels, the Edwin M. Cooperman Chair in Law, the College celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2016. The \$30 million gift from Michael E. Moritz ’61 in 2001 provided for student scholarships and endowed faculty chairs, among many other initiatives.

The College boasts five student journals that contribute to the legal community’s body of knowledge: the *Ohio State Law Journal*, the *Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution*, the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*, *I/S: A Journal of*

*Law and Policy for the Information Society*, and the *Ohio State Business Law Journal*. The College also has seven clinics, which provide students the chance to hone practical skills through representing actual clients in a variety of settings. Opportunities to study off-campus have expanded to include a summer program at the University of Oxford in England, and a summer program in Washington, D.C.

The Barrister Club was created with alumni donations to house programming for alumni and students, including the innovative Mentoring and More @ Moritz Program, which promotes professionalism and serves as a bridge between the theory and practice of law. Through the Distinguished Practitioners in Residence Program in Business Law, students take one-credit courses from prominent practitioners. In 2007, the College started the Program on Law and Leadership, which is committed to the idea that leadership education is a lifelong endeavor combining theoretical knowledge, practice, and applied skills.

Since 2010, the College’s series of Capstone Courses have given students intensive simulation experiences in professional problem-solving with practicing lawyers who are leaders in their fields. Finally, this year’s graduates were among the first students to experience learning opportunities through the Law, Finance and Governance program, and the Program on Data and Governance.

The handful of students who pioneered the founding of the College could not have envisioned The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law as it is today. The College’s proud past is the prologue to its exciting future as one of the nation’s premier public law schools.



# THE JURIS DOCTOR AND LL.M. HOODING CEREMONY

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

**The Eliza McGowan String Quartet**

*The audience will remain seated during procession.*

## PRESIDING

**Alan C. Michaels**

Dean and Edwin M. Cooperman Chair in Law

## WELCOME

**Rita Rochford**

President, Student Bar Association

## MORITZ LEADERSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION

**Alan C. Michaels**

Dean and Edwin M. Cooperman Chair in Law

**Lou Ann Moritz Ransom**

## MORGAN E. SHIPMAN OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR AND STAFF AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

**Ceara Carney and Cassandra Pedicelli**

Hooding Committee Chairs

## RESPONSE

**Ric Simmons**

Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Professor for the  
Administration of Justice and Rule of Law

## STUDENT AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

**Cinnamon Carlarne**

Associate Dean for Faculty; Professor of Law

**Alan C. Michaels**

Dean and Edwin M. Cooperman Chair in Law

## J.D. GRADUATE ADDRESS

**“Our Dedication to Equal Justice Under Law”**

Katy Shanahan

## LL.M. GRADUATE ADDRESS

**“Learn to be Grateful”**

Xuezhao Wang

## PRESENTATION OF 2017 LL.M. CANDIDATES

**Laura Fernandez**

Assistant Dean for International and Graduate Affairs

## PRESENTATION OF 2017 J.D. CANDIDATES

**Monte Smith**

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INVESTMENT OF LL.M. AND J.D. HOODS

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AWARDING OF DIPLOMA CASES

**Alan C. Michaels**

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**Cinnamon Carlarne**

Associate Dean for Faculty; Professor of Law

PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT

**Ashley Bartman Watson**

Vice-President, Student Bar Association

ALUMNI WELCOME

**G. Randall Ayers '88**

President, Moritz Alumni Society

ALMA MATER

**“Carmen Ohio”**

Led by Arlene Boruchowitz

Oh! Come let's sing Ohio's praise,  
And songs to Alma Mater raise;  
While our hearts rebounding thrill,  
With joy which death alone can still.  
Summer's heat or Winter's cold,  
The seasons pass, the years will roll;  
Time and change will surely show  
How firm thy friendship O-hi-o.

RECESSIONAL

**The Eliza McGowan String Quartet**

*The audience will remain seated after recessional.*

HOODING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Ceara Carney**, Chair

**Cassandra Pedicelli**, Chair

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# MORGAN E. SHIPMAN OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR

## RIC SIMMONS

CHIEF JUSTICE THOMAS J. MOYER PROFESSOR  
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND RULE OF LAW



Since joining the faculty of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2003, Professor Ric Simmons' dedication to the craft of teaching has shaped generations of Moritz students.

Simmons, who teaches Evidence, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Computer Crime and Surveillance, has been recognized with several prestigious awards for teaching. He has won the Morgan E. Shipman Outstanding Professor Award twice before, in 2006 and 2012. In 2012, he also received the Ohio State Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, becoming the 10th Moritz faculty member to win the award since 1967. Of the more than 4,000 Ohio State faculty eligible for the award, just 10 are granted each year. He also coaches Moritz's Evidence Moot Court team, which recently brought home the first place trophy from the Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Moot Court Competition.

Simmons' research examines the intersections of the Fourth Amendment and emerging technology. His scholarship has appeared in publications across the country and has examined critical issues like the search of cell phones (*Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*), the use of new surveillance techniques (*New York University Annual Survey of American Law*), and hyper-intrusive surveillance (*Rutgers Law Review*). His research on the privatization of the criminal justice system has also appeared in the *Wake Forest Law Review* and in the *North Carolina Law Review*.

Among the several books and casebooks Simmons has penned, *LEARNING EVIDENCE: FROM THE FEDERAL RULES TO THE COURTROOM* (co-authored with Professor Deborah Merritt) is one of the most popular evidence texts in law schools across the country.

Simmons is a graduate of Stanford University, where he earned a B.A. in political science and an M.A. in international policy studies, and Columbia Law School, where he was a Stone Scholar and a senior editor of the *Columbia Law Review*. He clerked for the Honorable Laughlin E. Waters of the Central District of California in addition to serving for four years as an assistant district attorney for New York County. In 2016, he served on the Supreme Court of Ohio's Task Force to Examine Improvements to the Ohio Grand Jury System.

# OUTSTANDING STAFF MEMBER

## LAURA DEAN

REGISTRAR



Scheduling classes and exams, managing student records, and solving class conflicts is all in a day's work for Laura Dean. As the College's registrar, she is an integral part of the student services team at Moritz. In addition to her duties within the building, she also serves as a liaison for the College with the university's registrar and other university academic units.

Dean joined the Moritz College of Law staff in 1999 as the administrative assistant for admissions and financial aid. In 2001, she took on the role of assistant director of financial aid before becoming the assistant director of operations for admissions and financial aid in 2004. In 2007, she officially became the law registrar for the College. Prior to coming to Ohio State, Dean spent several years at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. She holds a B.S. in human development and family science with a

specialization in family studies, and a minor in sociology from The Ohio State University.

From 2008 to 2014, Dean served on the College's Administration Committee, and now sits on the Long Range Planning Committee. She is passionate about helping law students and strives every day to resolve their issues in the most timely and efficient manner possible. Her attention to detail and ability to work under tight deadlines is something greatly appreciated by students, faculty, and staff throughout the building. One of her favorite aspects of her position, she said, is simply getting to meet and interact with the numerous students who stop by her office each day, whether they are in need of her assistance or simply want to talk.



# LL.M. GRADUATES

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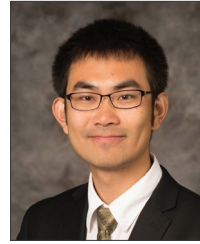
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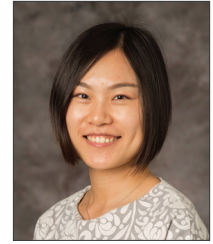
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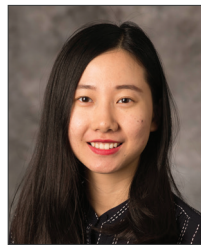
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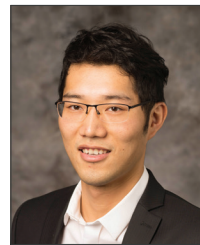
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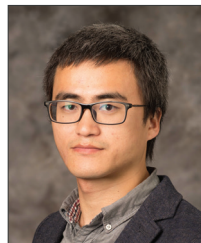
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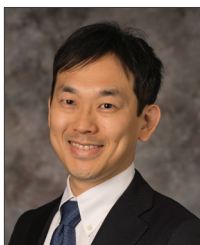
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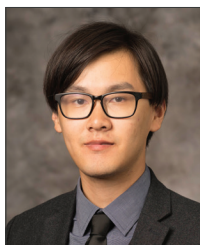
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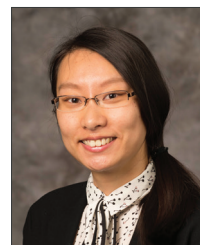
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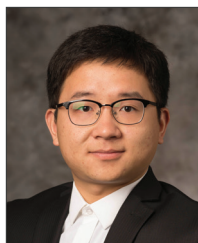
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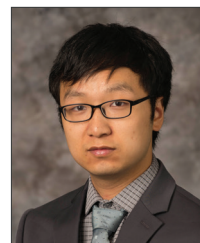
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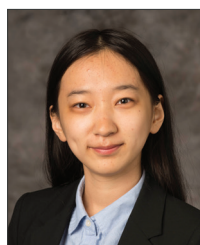
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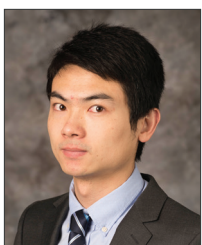
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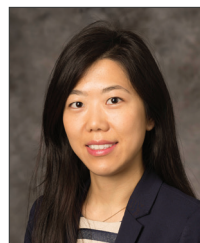
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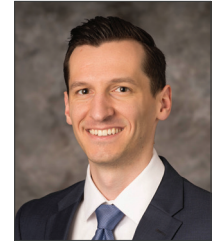
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